GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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SOYABEAN INDUSTRY
PADAMSEN CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations to declare soyabean industry as primary sector industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (c): A representation dated 3rd April 2003 has been received from the Soyabean Processors Association of India suggesting inter alia for declaration of soyabean industry as a priority sector industry, imposition of oilseed development cess, maintenance of prevailing customs duty on edible oils for next three years etc. These suggestions require inter ministerial consultations taking into account the over all economic perspective.